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SUBJ: SOVIET PROTEST OVER SOHO NEWS MARCH 11 ARTICLE

1. SMUN HAS PROTESTED TO USUN OVER ARTICLE APPEARING IN SOHO NEWS ALLEGING THAT CERTAIN SOVIET EMPLOYEES OF UN SECRETARIAT ARE SOVIET SPIES. ARTICLE IMPLIES THAT NEXT DISCLOSURE WILL BE OF FOUR CZECH SPIES. TEXT OF INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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TRANSLATION (INFORMAL) SMUN NOTE #168 TO USUN:

"THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS, FURTHER TO ITS NOTE NO. 148 OF MARCH 5, 1976, HAS THE HONOR TO COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

"DESPITE REPEATED APPEALS OF THE USSR MISSION TO THE US MISSION TO THE UN, AND THE ASSURANCES GIVEN, IN PARTICULAR, BY THE US DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN, AMBASSADOR BENNETT, A CAMPAIGN OF FABRICATIONS AND LIBEL
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IS CONTINUING IN THE NEW YORK PRESS REGARDING SOVIET EMPLOYEES

OF THE UN SECRETARIAT. THE NEWSPAPER "SOHO WEEKLY NEWS", IN PARTICULAR, IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS CAMPAIGN; IN THE MARCH 11, 1976, ISSUE AN ANTI-SOVIET ARTICLE APPEARED, FOR OBVIOUSLY HOSTILE-PROVOCATIVE PURPOSES, WITH A LIST OF SOVIET EMPLOYEES OF THE UN SECRETARIAT, GIVING THEIR HOME ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN NEW YORK.

"AS ALREADY POINTED OUT IN THE INDICATED (USSR) MISSION NOTE OF MARCH 5, THIS HOSTILE CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOVIET EMPLOYEES OF THE UN SECRETARIAT IS, FIRST OF ALL, AIMED AT HINDERING THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THEIR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS IN THE UN SECRETARIAT.

"IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE-STATED, THE USSR MISSION TO THE UN AGAIN LODGES A STRONG PROTEST WITH THE US MISSION TO THE UN AND DEMANDS THE TAKING OF STEPS SO THAT THIS NATURE OF ACTION IN RESPECT OF SOVIET EMPLOYEES OF THE UN SECRETARIAT WILL CEASE.

"NEW YORK, MARCH 11, 1976"
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2. TEXT OF ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN SOHO NEWS IS AS FOLLOWS:

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THE SOHO WEEKLY NEWS
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1976

CHRYSTY OLENSKA

DESPITE PROTESTS FROM THE US STATE DEPARTMENT, THE SOVIET EMBASSY, AND THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, MORE NAMES OF ALLEGED SOVIET SPIES OPERATING IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY A MILITANT ANTI-COMMUNIST GROUP IN NEW YORK. THE PUBLICATION OF THE 12 NAMES IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE SOHO WEEKLY NEWS, FOLLOWED BY A REPORT ON WABC "EYEWITNESS NEWS," ALONG WITH THE INDIVIDUALS' HOME ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS, WAS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF HUNDREDS MORE INTENDED TO BE EXPOSED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S SPOKESMAN,
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DR. KONSTANTY Z. HANFF. THE NEW LIST IS MORE DETAILED AND INCLUDES THE GROUP'S FILE NUMBERS (SEE LAST PARA)

DURING OUR SECOND INTERVIEW IN HIS APARTMENT, THE SPIFFY DOCOTOR, WHO SAYS HE IS A PHD, POLITICAL SCIENCE, FROM AN UNDISCLOSED INSTITUTION IN AN UNDISCLOSED COUNTRY--
"I CAN ONLY SAY THAT IT WAS NOT THE US" -- WAS MORE AT EASE AND DID NOT TURN ON THE TAPE RECORDER IN THE LIVING ROOM,

ALTHOUGH THE ADJOINING ROOM WAS WIRED FOR SOUND. HE SEEMED PLEASED THAT THE MATTER HAS ACQUIRED INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE, AND MAPPED OUT FUTURE PLANS:

"THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CALLED ME AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE NAMES BEING PUBLISHED, BECAUSE THE CIA COULD BE IN DANGER OVER THIS," HE TOLD ME. HE SAID THAT THE KGB IS EXPECTED TO RETALIATE WITH MORE DISCLOSURES, AND THAT AN OPEN WAR COULD BE EXPECTED BETWEEN THE KGB AND THE CIA. HE QUESTIONED THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S MOTIVES WHEN THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR AMERICANS, SINCE "AMERICANS HAVE BEEN IN DANGER A LONG TIME AGO" BECAUSE OF THE KGB BEING ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN THE US WITH INCREASING FREEDOM AS A RESULT OF DETENTE, ACCORDING TO THE DOCTOR. THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE ("A FELLOW FROM THE SOVIET DESK, NOT LISTED IN THE GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY"), DR. HANFF SAID, WANTED A CLANDESTINE MEETING IN NEW YORK, MID-WEEK, BUT THE VIGILANTE ORGANIZATION IS INSISTING ON A MEETING WHICH WOULD BE OPEN TO THE PRESS. AND NOT WITH "SOME KIND OF AN UNKNOWN PERSON," BUT WITH MR. HARTMAN, OR OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT SUCH A MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE, BECAUSE DR. HANFF THINKS OF IT MORE AS A CONFRONTATION, RATHER THAN A CONFERENCE. "DO YOU THINK THAT IF WE STOP GIVING OUT THESE NAMES THE SOVIETS WILL BE NICER? THEY WILL NO LONGER BE AN ENEMY TO THE US?

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE BY SUCH A REQUEST," THE DOCTOR ASKED THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HE SAID THE WHOLE THING WAS RIDICULOUS BECAUSE THE KGB HAS ALREADY "PUBLISHED HUNDREDS OF CIA NAMES. SO WE WILL PUBLISH THE SAME AMOUNT. SIMPLE. I SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD BE STOPPED."

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DR. HANFF, WHO IS STILL AN ALIEN, EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OVER THE FACT THAT HIS ACTIVITIES COULD ENDANGER HIS POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING A US CITIZEN, BUT SAID THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE RELEASING INFORMATION DESPITE THIS.

HE INDICATED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE SWN PUBLICATION OF THEIR NAMES, "THE CHICAGO FIVE" HAVE ALREADY DONE SOME FRANTIC SHOPPING FOR THE TREK BACK TO POLAND, AND THAT THE OTHERS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW.

WHEN ASKED WHAT THE FILE NUMBERS MEAN, DR. HANFF SMILED AND SAID, "THEY KNOW WHAT THE NUMBERS MEAN. THE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN USED ALREADY. THEY WILL HAVE A LOT OF TROUBLE KNOWING THE SOURCE. IT'S A WHOLE GAME AND IT WORKS VERY NICELY," SAID THE DOCOTOR WITH DELIGHT.

HE SAID THE FILE NUMBERS ONLY REPRESENTED HIS OWN FILES: THAT "THEY WERE COMPOSITE NUMBERS" FROM "CROSS RECORDS." "THEY HAVE DOUBLE LISTS, THOSE PEOPLE. THEY ARE ON TWO LISTS, LET'S PUT IT THIS WAY. AND BECAUSE THEY ARE ON TWO LISTS, THEY HAVE TWO NUMBERS. NOW IS THE FIRST TIME WE PUT THESE TWO NUMBERS TOGETHER." HE SAID THAT THE LETTERS INDICATED THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE ALLEGED SPIES.

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"WE DON'T HAVE ANY ACCESS TO AMERICAN SOURCES OF INFORMATION," HE SAID, ADMITTING THE FACT THAT THE NUMBERS WERE COMPUTERIZED ELSEWHERE. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ALREADY HAVE THE INFORMATION HE'S DIVULGING, BUT ARE TRYING TO SUPPRESS IT FOR POLITICAL REASONS. THE US GOVERNMENT, HE BELIEVES, "IS GIVING A GREEN LIGHT TO SOVIET ESPIONAGE. THEY DON'T WANT TO HARASS THEM; THEY DON'T WANT TO DISTURB THEIR ACTIONS."

WITHIN RECENT YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN NO ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST THE 800 OR SO SOVIET SPIES WHO ARE HERE LEGALLY. ACCORDING TO JOHN BARRON'S "KGB" LIST ONLY 27 OUT OF THE 77 IDENTIFIED AS SPIES CONNECTED WITH THE UN HAVE BEEN EXPELLED. USUALLY THESE ARE RECYCLED FOR WORK IN ANOTHER COUNTRY, OR SENT HOME TO TRAIN OTHER SPIES. BUT DR. HANFF CONSIDERS THE BARRON BOOK OUTDATED AND "WORTHLESS AS A SOURCE AND I NEVER REFER TO IT."

AS FAR AS ILLEGAL SPIES ARE CONCERNED, "THEY ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO LOCATE. AND WE CANNOT DUPLICATE THE WORK OF THE FBI, BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE INTERFERENCE, AND WE DON'T WANT TO DISTURB THEM." HE STATED THAT ANY KNOWLEDGE OF AMERICANS COOPERATING WITH THE SOVIETS WOULD IMMEDIATELY BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FBI. "IT'S THE NORMAL DUTY OF A CITIZEN." WHEN ASKED ABOUT LIABILITY, A US CITIZEN ACCUSED OF ESPIONAGE CAN SUE, HE EXPLAINED, BUT THE SOVIETS CAN'T BECAUSE "THEY ARE SPIES, AND THEY KNOW THEY ARE SPIES, AND THE BURDEN OF PROVING THEIR INNOCENCE WOULD BE ON THEIR SIDE."

HE SAID HE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM EITHER THE CIA OR THE FBI, THAT ONLY THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS GIVING HIM TROUBLE. HE DID NOT WANT TO STEP ON THE FBI'S TOES, ESPECIALLY, AND FELT THAT THEY WERE DOING A BETTER JOB THAN THE OTHERS. "I THINK THEY'RE TAKING CARE OF IT. BUT I THINK BOTH THE CIA AND THE FBI ARE BEING SUPPRESSED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. OTHERWISE THEY WOULD BOTH JUST HAND OVER THE SAME LIST WE HAVE." DR. HANFF STATED.

HE FELT THAT THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS WERE AGAINST THE CURRENT POLICY, AND THAT "THREATS OF WAR ARE PROPAGANDA UNCLASSIFIED

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BY COMMUNISTS TO INTIMIDATE AMERICANS, WHO ARE VERY NICE PEOPLE," ADDING, "IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT A POWER LIKE THE USSR COULD NOT BE A THREAT TO ANY FREE COUNTRY." DR. HANFF SAID THAT AMERICANS ARE GIVING UP LITTLE BY LITTLE "IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE ENEMY." "WE DON'T WANT WAR. WHAT DO YOU WANT NOW? ALASKA BACK? TAKE IT, TAKE IT." THIS IS ENTIRELY AGAINST THE INTEREST OF THE US."

I ASKED THE DOCTOR HOW HIS APPARENTLY EXPENSIVE OPERATION WAS FUNDED. "GENERALLY, YOU CAN SAY THAT WE ARE FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONATION. WHY NOT? BUT IT IS OUR POLICY NEVER TO DISCLOSE WHO IS CONTRIBUTING AND HOW MUCH." HE STATED, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT HIS ORGANIZATION DOES NOT PAY FOR HIS ELEGANT APARTMENT.

I ASKED HIM ABOUT HIS GROUP'S TACTICS AND FUTURE PLANS.

HE SAID THAT IN THE U.S. THEY WERE STILL WORKING ON GETTING DEFECTORS "BY PSYCHOLOGICAL INTIMIDATION." SUGGESTING TO THEM THAT "IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOUR OWN FUTURE IF YOU COOPERATED WITH US. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, IT'S YOUR FAULT." IN EUROPE, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD USE BLACKMAIL. "WHY NOT?" ASKED DR. HANFF.

HE SAID THAT HIS GROUP HAS BEEN CONSIDERING COMMITTING VIOLENT ACTS, BUT HAS HELD BACK BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT THEIR OWN PEOPLE GETTING HURT. "BUT IT'S POSSIBLE THAT WITHIN THE NEAR FUTURE, SOMETHING WILL BE DONE THIS WAY," HE SAID. BUT BLACKMAIL, BOMBINGS, ASSASSINATIONS, AND ANYTHING ILLEGAL WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE IN THE US, HE REASSURED US.

"THE NEXT LIST WILL BE OF FOUR CZECHOSLOVAKIAN SPIES," HE PROMISED WITH A SMILE.

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